



Goal #5 - Quality of Life

Sustain a high quality of life throughout both suburban and rural areas by protecting and preserving historical, natural, and recreational assets throughout the county. Ensure the safety and resilience of the community by proactively responding to safety concerns and being prepared to for emergency response and recovery. Provide active and passive parks and recreational amenities that support a healthy and thriving community. Promote affordable and workforce housing availability for all who desire to live in Charles County.

May 24, 2022

Goals & Objectives

- 1. Economic Development**
- 2. Institutional Governance & Policy**
- 3. Environment**
- 4. Education**
- 5. Quality of Life**

2022 Presentation Schedule

DATE

February 1, 2022

March 1, 2022

March 29, 2022

April 26, 2022

May 24, 2022

GOAL

1. Economic Development

2. Institutional Governance & Policy

3. Environment

4. Education

5. Quality of Life

June 21, 2022

July 26, 2022

September 27, 2022

October 25, 2022

November 29, 2022

1. Economic Development

2. Institutional Governance & Policy

3. Environment

4. Education

5. Quality of Life

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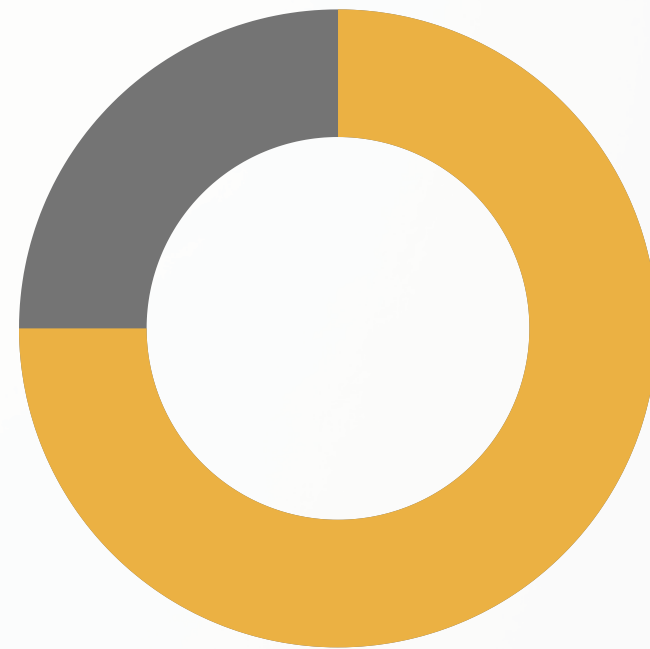
Public Safety

Ensure the county is prepared to respond to both immediate and emerging issues regarding public safety and emergency response.

IMPLEMENTATION PLANS



TRANSITION TO NEXT GENERATION 9-1-1



75%
Complete

Infrastructure upgrades
to the 9-1-1 Center are
complete

9-1-1 Center is connected
to the Emergency
Services IP network

Work ongoing;
identification and
integration of NG9-1-1
software applications

TRANSITION TO NEXT GENERATION PUBLIC SAFETY RADIO SYSTEM



40%

Complete

Contract negotiated and executed

Detailed design review process is complete

Radio equipment and infrastructure has been ordered

Work ongoing; acquiring radio tower sites, installing new equipment, acceptance testing, and decommission legacy system

TOTAL 9-1-1 CALLS

 + 75,000
CY21

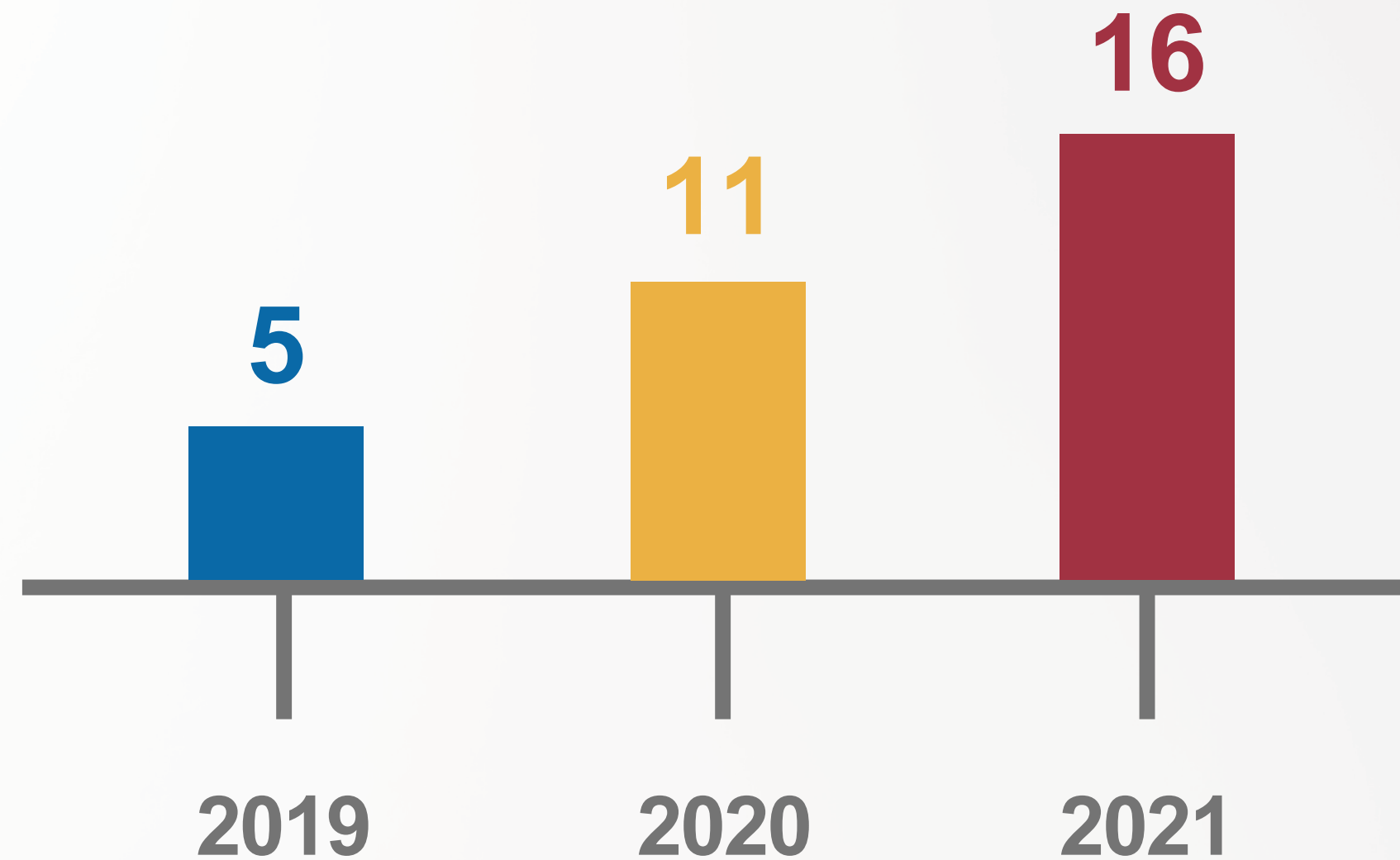
9-1-1 CALLS FOR OHCA



60%

The need for CPR is
recognized by 9-1-1
within 90 seconds

9-1-1 CALLS FOR OHCA



OHCA patients that survived to be
discharged from the hospital

Healthcare

Ensure equitable and affordable access to healthcare that supports mental and physical well-being through collaboration with state, local and nonprofit partners. Provide safe, affordable ways to enjoy recreation, fitness, and healthy lifestyles.

PATIENT CONTACTS IN THE MIH PROGRAM



2,304
CY21

REFERRALS RECEIVED TO MIH PROGRAM



80

CY21

ACCESSIBLE AND AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE



12

Number of Narcan
Kits distributed

Recreation & Entertainment

Provide for recreational amenities, leisure activities and entertainment that foster connections throughout the community and attract visitors to enjoy the historical, cultural, and natural resources the county offers.

RECREATION

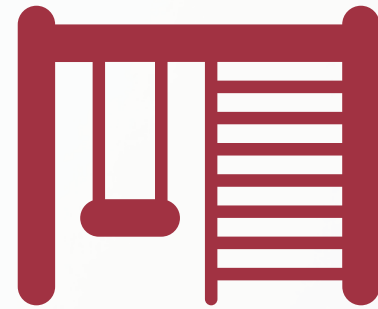


1,381
Program Offerings



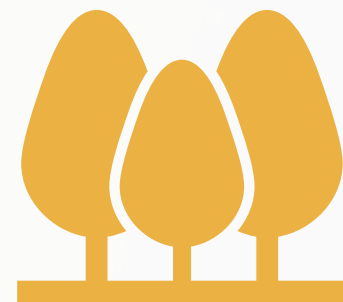
12,580
Participants

PARKS & AMENITIES



4

Playground revitalization projects underway



6

New parks maintenance projects underway

RECREATION AND ENTERTAINMENT

Parks & Amenities

GILBERT RUN BOARDWALK



815

Linear feet of elevated
sidewalk



2.5 mile

Nature trail
surrounding
Wheatly Lake

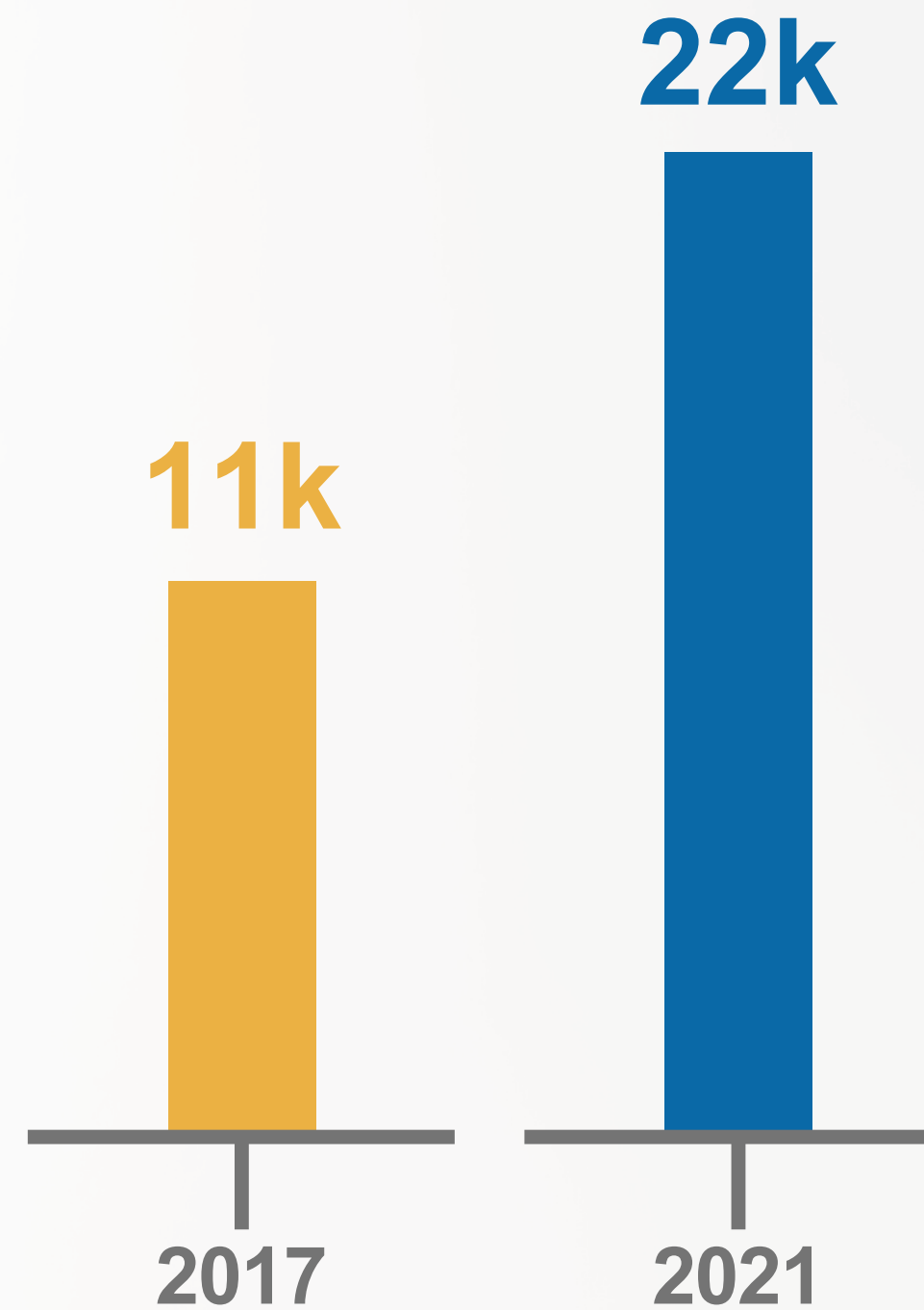
Parks & Amenities

- Laurel Springs Regional Park and White Plains Regional Park installation of two synthetic multi-purpose athletic fields. Each field will be striped in different colors to accommodate 6 different sports. Once installed, the public will have access year-round for recreational games for all.

Parks & Amenities

- Program Open Space Acquisitions – Popes Creek Waterfront property, master plan is underway for the 18-acre property and existing building. Future planning will include restroom facilities and water access for our residents and visitors.
- New Parks Maintenance projects – outdoor basketball court installed at Bensville Park. The painting of the court will be locally inspired for the community to enjoy.

STATE PARK & WATERWAY RECREATION

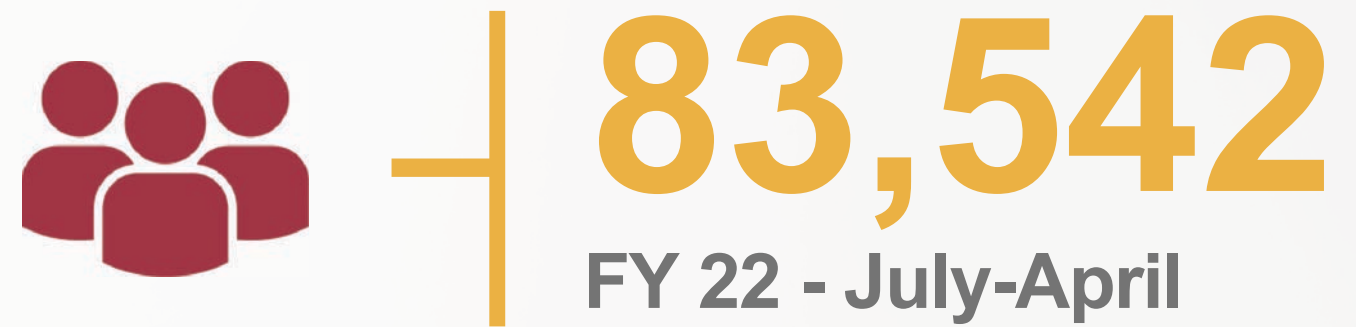


Mallow Bay visitors

Entertainment, Stadium, Events & Festivals

Sales Tax Category	FY 22(2ND MONTH) TOTAL	% CHANGE FROM FY21	% CHANGE FROM FY19
Lodging	\$326K	51%	39%
Restaurants	\$4.1M	61%	65%
Recreation & Amusement	\$6.7K	95%	-28%

CRAIN MEMORIAL WELCOME CENTER VISITATIONS



Website Growth (during major campaigns)

Campaign	MONTH	%WEBSITE VISITORS YEAR OVER YEAR
Holiday Tour	DECEMBER	61%
Restaurant Week	JANUARY	49%

Agritourism

- Expanding on local Farmers Market initiatives and access; Exploring opportunities at Regency Furniture Stadium
- Support PGM's drafting and introduction of ZTA to define "Event Venues" and clarify exceptions to agritourism operations
- Collaborating with RPT to sponsor and support SMADC's Annual Buy Local Celebration and other in-person events within Charles County

Affordable/Workforce Housing

Support policies and programs that promote safe, equitable, and accessible housing for residents who need affordable workforce housing options within Charles County.

Mainstream Vouchers

- In May 2022, the Housing Authority submitted a request for additional “Mainstream Vouchers.” If granted, these vouchers will increase the Department’s capacity to provide affordable housing opportunity for more residents from the voucher application list. Unlike the regular vouchers which are exclusively determined by a funding formula, the Mainstream Vouchers can be requested when HUD provides a notice of funding availability.

HOUSING AUTHORITY COMMITTEE



144

Senior Apartment Complex Units
(approved - not constructed)

2

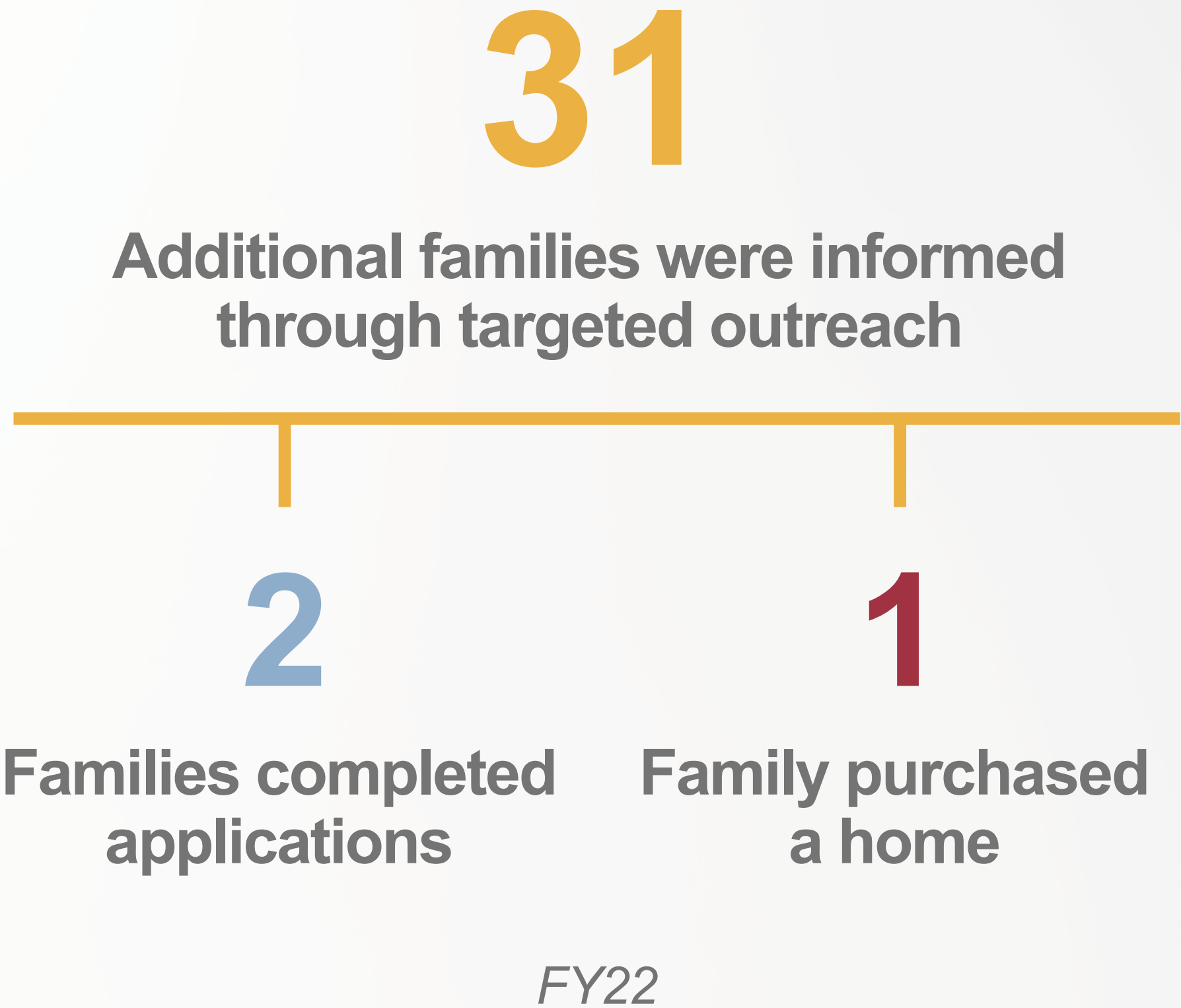
Affordable Apartment
Developments

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Housing Stability

- Close the wealth gap & improve housing stability: assist low-income residents to access & afford market-rate units in every sector of our community by administering effective, evidence-based housing assistance & homeownership programs
- Continue administration of the USDA Rural Housing Preservation Grant & the State Special Loans Program to provide funding for essential renovations for low-income homeowners to preserve safe & stable housing.

HOMEOWNERSHIP
PROGRAM



SETTLEMENT EXPENSE LOAN PROGRAM

7

Local families became
first time homeowners

\$42,000

Value of closing
assistance

\$2,130,000+

Leverage in new mortgages
enabled to families through SELP

FY22

HOUSING DISPLACEMENT

\$4,000,000+

ERAP Funds Recieved

March 2022

\$10,000,000

Total ERAP1 & ERAP2
federal grants applied
for and awarded

FY22

\$950,000

CDBG eviction
prevention funds
awarded

2021-2022

EQUITABLE HOUSING

Affordable Housing Workgroup



Planning and Growth Management Staff
Community Services Staff
Planning Commission Members

Affordable Housing Workgroup

- Meet on the third Wednesday of each month
- Topics covered include:
 - Workforce Housing Programs
 - Tax Abatement Programs
 - Accessory Dwelling Unit Amendments
 - Exploring New Residential Use Types (i.e. Tiny Homes)
 - Amending the MPDU Program
 - Rent to Own Program
- Creating a mission statement and prioritizing top 3 goals to address first



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